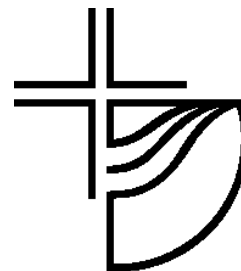


# Manchester Church of the Brethren

## NEWSLETTER

Week of March 18, 2018

Peacefully, Simply, Together



### Prayer Concerns

We hold within our hearts all the joys and sorrows that have touched our lives this past week. Sharing prayer concerns with each other is one of the ways we continue to deepen our relationships within this community of faith as well as placing ourselves into God's care. In a spirit of compassion and understanding, please keep all these things with you in the coming days.

#### *Within our faith community:*

- ◆ We pray for those people who aren't able to join us in worship due to their on-going health challenges or their physical limitations including: **Alice Frantz, Grace Metzger, Doris Snell, Joan Deeter** and **Evelyn Niswander**.
- ◆ We pray for **Dick & Jane Harshbarger** on the death of Dick's brother, Bill Harshbarger. Bill died on Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup> in Portland, Oregon.
- ◆ We pray for **Esther Hamer** who had out-patient surgery on Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> for a skin graft. She is recovering at Timbercrest.
- ◆ We pray for **Mildred Dietzel** who was discharged from the hospital to Peabody Transitional Care this past Friday.
- ◆ We pray for our **Youth** and the **adult chaperons** as they travel to Washington, D.C. to participate in the *March for Our Lives* on Saturday, March 24.

May each of these people be enfolded in God's abiding love and care.

#### *In the wider community:*

- ◆ We pray for our sister church in **El Salvador, Emmanuel Baptist**. We pray for Doctor Josephina Baharona, her health promoter and the assistants in the **San Raphael Health Clinic**. The clinic serves between 45 and 70 patients per week and makes referrals to Suchitoto Hospital.
- ◆ We pray for the **Church of the Brethren in Nigeria, EYN** and other churches in Nigeria are still under threat of kidnappings and bombings. In a recent Boko

Haram attack, humanitarian staff were killed and two female health workers, one with family ties to EYN, were abducted. May there be an end to the violence in northeastern Nigeria and may pathways of peace and reconciliation be formed.

- ◆ We pray for **Esther Usman**, our Nigerian sister, as she continues to seek healing and wholeness.
- ◆ We join the other churches in our District to pray for the **Eel River Community Church of the Brethren**. May they continue to share the gospel of God's love. We also pray for the **Southern Ohio District** and their District Executive, David Shetler.
- ◆ We pray for peace within our lives and around the world.

### On Call: Kurt Borgmann

Home: 901-6110; Cell: 901-1851

### Pastors' Schedules

Kurt ~ Tuesday through Friday

Karen ~ Monday through Thursday

Jim ~ Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

### Office Hours

9:30-4:00 Monday-Friday; closed 12:00-1:00 for lunch.

The church is open at 9:30 for walkers.

### Weekly Calendar

#### Monday, March 19

1:00 p.m. Pickleball - FLC

#### Tuesday, March 20

9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

12:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study - Room 213

1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC

5:30 p.m. Weight Watchers - Room 220

6:30 p.m. Bell Choir - Sanctuary

7:30 p.m. Volleyball - FLC

**Wednesday, March 21**

- 9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool
- 1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC
- 7:00 p.m. Executive Board - Conference Room

**Thursday, March 22**

- 9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool
- 1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC
- 6:30 p.m. Taizé Choir - Chapel
- 7:30 p.m. Ecclesia Choir - Choir Room

**Friday, March 23**

- 9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool
- 1:00 p.m. Pickleball - FLC
- 7:00 p.m. Last Soccer for the Season - FLC

**Saturday, March 24**

- 11:00 a.m. Room 211 in use until 1:00
- 11:00 a.m. Save our children...March for Our Lives - Indianapolis

**Sunday, March 25 Palm Sunday**

- 9:30 a.m. Worship: *Shout Hosanna*, Pastor Kurt  
Scripture: Mark 11:1-11  
Melodia and Bell Choirs
- 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time  
Peace Patch Gathering
- 10:45 a.m. Christian Education
- 7:00 p.m. Al-Anon - Room
- 7:30 p.m. Adult Basketball - FLC 213

**Questers' Class**

**March 25 ~ Raymond Johnson's Devotions for Inmates**  
with Ruthann Angle

**Last Soccer & Adult Basketball**

Spring is almost here...we hope! Time to enjoy outdoor sports! With that said, this will be the last week for this season of Soccer & Adult Basketball.

**Sunshine Seekers...The Solar Questers!**

Last week those interested in "putting the power of the sun to work" met to explore how our church can use photovoltaic energy to be good stewards of God's Earth.

We have decided to meet on the **second Wednesday of each month** as we move forward with this possibility. Please join us!

Jeff Trachsel, Property Chair

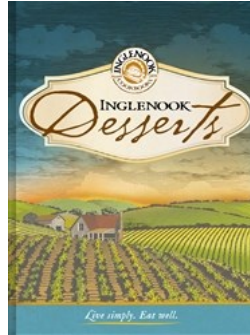


**Love Feast**

**Thursday, March 29 ~ 6:30 ~ Narthex**

**Red Cross Blood Drive**

**Thursday, March 29 ~ 12:00-5:00 ~ Narthex**



**Serve up Inglenook Desserts**  
**with the**  
**Inglenook Desserts Cookbook!**

*Inglenook Desserts* is coming to your kitchen this summer! The cookbook continues the Inglenook tradition of the Church of the Brethren by featuring favorite dessert recipes that have been passed

from generation to generation. The recipes have been tested in kitchens across America, and selected for their value, excellence, and simplicity.

*Inglenook Desserts* will have over 175 new recipes along with reflections on traditions and celebrations that feature desserts. After trying some of these delicious recipes, you'll want to curl up with the cookbook and read the stories.

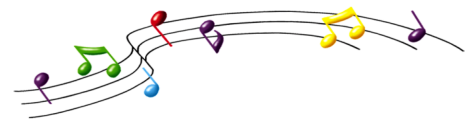
Interested in purchasing one? Or more?!

The cookbook will cost \$18 if we place our order before **April 9.**

Sign up will be available in the Narthex **March 25, April 1, & April 8.**

**Music! Music! Music!**

**Last chance** to check out the table of music in the Narthex. Thank you Lana Groombridge for downsizing your collection of music and now you are invited to PLEASE help yourself to any and all that you would like to add to your collection!



**Childcare During Worship**

Your help continues to be needed in **Childcare During Worship.** There are still openings in **March, April, & May** for sign-up! Stop by the Nurture table in the Narthex after worship to volunteer an hour of your time for our children. You will enjoy getting to know the children in our congregation.

**HELP WANTED!**  
**Manchester Church of the Brethren**  
**CUSTODIAN**

Responsible for cleaning all areas of building interior you include kitchen, restrooms, offices; light maintenance; setting up tables and chairs for events; ordering cleaning supplies

20-25 Hours a week  
Competitive pay and pension benefits

**Application available at the church office  
or from [melsauttter@gmail.com](mailto:melsauttter@gmail.com)**

**Peace Patch Preschool**

**Open House / Enrollment Night**  
**April 12 ~ 6:30-7:30**



Come visit our teachers & see the preschool classrooms!  
**We are ENROLLING**  
**for the 2017-2018 school year.**

3 & 4 year-old class (3 by August 1)  
4 & 5 year-old class (4 by August 1)

Enrollment applications are available at the church.



**Senior High Youth....**

**Sunday, April 15 ~ Lunch at Anna's**

**Junior High Youth...**

**Jr. High Youth ask for "odd jobs"**



- ◆ Have a spring clean up project?
- ◆ Need something removed from your basement or attic?
- ◆ Need that flower bed cleared?
- ◆ A stack of wood moved?
- ◆ Old shrubs dug up?

On **Saturday, April 14** the Jr. High youth will take care of that for you! Contact Jim Chinworth or Ron Karg with your request. We'll check and see if that is something our Jr. High's can do and we'll put you on the list. We'll take up to 3 hours of jobs (dividing into various work crews) and sometime between **9am and noon** will be in touch to take care of that odd job. **Donations would also be welcome** to help the group get to their work camp experience this summer.

**First come, first serve so let us know how we can help!**

**One Great Hour of Sharing**

When you give to One Great Hour of Sharing, you participate in the great vision that God has for our communities and for our world. Gifts to this special offering support the life-changing ministries of Global Mission and Service, Brethren Disaster Ministries, Global Food Initiative, the Office of Public Witness, Congregational Life Ministries, the Office of Ministry, and many others.

- ◆ If you did not have the opportunity to bring your offering last Sunday, you may do so this Sunday or drop it off at the church office.
- ◆ There are offering envelope available or write it on the memo line of your check.
- ◆ Checks should be made out to Manchester Church of the Brethren.

Thank you for your gift

**March for Our Lives!**

Reduce gun violence! Save our children!  
Join us **March 24 in Indianapolis, 11:00am.**  
Meet at Monument Circle.  
Marching to State House until 3:00 p.m.  
Want a ride? Contact Bev Eikenberry: 982-070

**Within our Community...**

**Teen Program at the Library needs Your Help!**

Our Public Library offers an after school program on Wednesdays for teens ages 13 and up and on Thursdays for kids ages 10 and up.

The attendance in the past couple of years has averaged 15-20 teens each day. **In recent months we have seen these numbers double!**

We love providing a space for our town's youth to relax and create with their peers, but we are having difficulty keeping up with the demand. Our snack supply that would usually last us a month now lasts for two weeks. We are asking anyone who is willing and can help to consider donating a case of soda or variety packs of individually wrapped snacks (chips, snack cakes, etc.). Monetary donations for supplies are also greatly appreciated.

This program is very important to us here at NMPL and to our teens who regularly attend.

Donations can be taken to the library.

For more information, contact Amy Acree at 982-4773 or at [director@nman.lib.in.us](mailto:director@nman.lib.in.us)



Thank you for your consideration.

### Shepherd's Center Winter/Spring Programs

#### March 21 ~ Town Life Center

- ♦ **8:30-9:20** ~ MEDTALK ~TBA ~ Wilbur McFadden, MD & Eric Reichenbach, MD are conveners
- ♦ **9:00-10:05** ~ Current Events ~ David Swartz, US State Department, Retired

### EvenSong

#### Wednesday, March 21 ~ 4:00 p.m.~ TC Chapel

"Songs of Spring & Hope"

Eileen Flory, viola da gamba & Christine Beery, voice  
Questions? Call Liz Hoffman Bauer, 260-306-1690  
Everyone is Welcome!

### Manchester Main Street Events

#### Children's Workshop Series:

Polymer Clay Miniatures; April 14, 9am -12  
Ashley Sanson; Cost: \$15

#### Adult Workshop Series:

Cuff Bracelet; April 19, 6-9pm  
Candie Cooper; Cost: \$35

### ***Within our District ...***

#### Brethren Leadership Institute News

The next **Brethren Leadership Institute** class is *History of the Church* taught by Mark Flory Steury. The dates are **April 14, April 28, & May 5**. Register any time by emailing [scindcob@gmail.com](mailto:scindcob@gmail.com) or calling 260-982-8805

#### Biblical Authority Conversations

#### **April 23-25 ~ Hueston Woods Lodge & Conference Center ; College Corner, Ohio.**

Open to pastors and ministers, other congregational leaders, & interested church members...

#### Keynote Speakers:

The Rev. Jason Barnhart  
The Rev. Karoline M. Lewis

#### Conversation Facilitators:

Denise Kettering Lane  
Dan Ulrich

#### Drama:

Ted Swartz

#### Worship Leadership

Michaela Alphonse

Registration is \$75, which includes 2 breakfasts /1 dinner.

Housing **MUST** be arranged directly with Hueston Woods. Double rooms are \$115.09/night including tax.

Call 513-664-3510 **before March 15** to make your housing reservation.

Brochures are available from the district office, or in the March district newsletter which is available at

[http://www/scomdcpb/prg/March\\_2018.pdf](http://www/scomdcpb/prg/March_2018.pdf)

### Camp Mack



It's not too late to give your feedback Camp Mack on the strategic plan for the next several years. You can go to the Camp Mack website or last week's church newsletter to view the plan.

If you have not attended one of the meetings, please consider attending one of the two meetings left:

**March 20** – Anderson CoB, 7:00-8:30

**March 21** – Columbia City CoB, 7:00-8:30

We need your help to make sure we are providing the ministries important to you. Thank you!

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